

PRAISE CHANCELLOR
BEFORE THE BOARDWitnesses for the Defense
Uphold His Conduct.

GAVEL IN ACTIVE USE

Capt. Oyster Wields It in Sustaining Many Objections.

Principals and Teachers on the Witness Stand Yesterday Afternoon Came Grandly to the Aid of Their Chief, Declaring His Acts Beneficial and Uplifting—Board Grows Weary of Slowness of the Trial.

What would you do if you had a chance to sit at the head of a long, quartered oak table in the Franklin School building, surrounded by the board of education and a few notebooks, with several witnesses on one side and a nice new sky-blue blotter in front of you?

If somebody, maybe the counsel for your own board of education, that was trying Dr. William E. Chancellor, superintendent of schools, objected to something a witness for the defense had said, and you had a beautifully polished mahogany gavel in your hand, wouldn't you be likely to dent the surface of that nice, new sky-blue blotter with several consecutive hard raps?

That is what Capt. Oyster head of the District board of education, did yesterday. The captain had many occasions to rap on that sky-blue piece of furniture, because Attorney McNamara, for the prosecution—the defense had its innings for the first time yesterday—objected a number of times.

May Have Been Piqued.

Perhaps, the captain felt a little piqued about having to go below his Monday record on using the gavel—he sustained about fifty objections for his attorney on that day, and he only had a chance to sustain seven yesterday.

But there were added to these two chances to rule testimony from the records, which everybody knows is as good as an "objection sustained." And, then, too, the head of the board had a small set-to with Attorney Fulton, who represents Dr. Chancellor, not to speak of timely jests, which he let out upon the half daylight of the room.

So, at the end of the session, after a number of witnesses had testified—with a painfully small number of objections stated—the captain jovially made it known that the next hearing would be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and, likewise, he cordially joked with the reporters as they passed through the portals of the trial room.

It might be remotely possible, though, that even that gavel, the sky-blue blotter, and the seven objections sustained, without further reference to the two motions to strike out portions of the minutes, would not entirely make up for the "beautiful" comments of one of the witnesses for Dr. Chancellor made about that board of which you might have been the head. If those comments had been made by Miss Reed, a teacher in the Western High School, they would probably sound something like this:

"For one thing, when I came here, I felt that among others the system was too bureaucratic—it was too officialized. It was directly due to its being the Capital City, that it was too much from the top down. It was not democratic enough. The teachers had but little voice. There were too many official superiors. It was not a discreet thing to say what you thought, even upon educational matters. There was no direct prohibition. It was in the air that it was discreet to be silent and to pursue your routine."

The Line of Testimony.

The whole line of the testimony of the defense presented, yesterday was that tending to prove that Dr. Chancellor has made the most desirable impression upon the teachers and principals under his supervision. Among the spectators and others present, possibly even the board and the blue blotter were impressed that it was entirely a day of the "under dog." With the exception of the objections sustained, the evidence was all of the most flattering kind, so far as the relations of the superintendent with his subordinates are concerned.

It would have done Dr. Chancellor great good—if he was not able to be there—if he could have stepped in while several of the witnesses, and two of the best for his side were women, were testifying. All of them seemingly tried to be fair, in spite of one imputation—one of those ordered stricken from the records, but not from the reporter's notebooks—made by the captain, that one of the oldest teachers who was on the stand was answering unfairly.

The first witness was William T. Small, principal of the Eastern High School. He was asked about the lectures Dr. Chancellor had given from time to time to teachers in the schools of the psychological effect of psychology.

"I think these lectures have had an undoubtedly good effect," he answered.

When asked about the system of promotions now in vogue in the Washington schools, said to have been introduced by the present superintendent, Dr. Smith said this system was a good one.

"There are few large cities in the country," he added, "in which this system is not used nowadays."

He said that by this system the process of advancement for bright pupils was retarded less than by the yearly system.

Change of Conditions.

Attorney McNamara, on cross-examination, attempted to show that Mr. Small knew nothing about conditions, as they may have changed since Dr. Chancellor took charge. He said the present school law, and not the superintendent, is responsible for any good things that have come out of the Franklin building.

Witnessed, principal, who was called.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair to-day and to-morrow; diminishing northwesterly winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.
1—Death in Alabama Race Riot.
1—Dynamite Explosion Kills Four.
1—Southern Rate War at an End.
1—Mine Men Ask Martial Law.
1—San Francisco Banker a Suicide.
9—Last War Ship Reaches Norfolk.

LOCAL.

1—Roosevelt Will Not Run Again.
1—Witnesses Praise Dr. Chancellor.
1—Mrs. Longworth Under Knife.
2—Bonaparte Removes Oregon Official.
5—Present for a Y. M. C. A. Worker.
5—Dedication of New Jewish Synagogue.
12—Immunity Denied Terra Cotta Crew.

SWISS ARREST MORMONS.

Geneva Authorities Will Probably Eject Missionaries from Country.
Geneva, Dec. 11.—A party of missionaries from Utah have been arrested at Chum, capital of the Canton of Grisons, for carrying on a propaganda of Mormonism among young Swiss women. They will probably be expelled from the country.

RATE WAR IS ENDED

North Carolina Roads Compromise with State.

GOVERNOR MAKES STATEMENT

Announces that All Hostilities Are Over, After Lengthy Conference with Officials—Result Much in Favor of Traveling Public—Coast Line Is the Most Obstinate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—A compromise was reached to-day between the State and the railroads in the matter of long-pending rate wars.

Gov. Glenn to-night, after a conference with State officials and President Finley, of the Southern Railway, announced the end of hostilities.

The compromise is for a 2½ cent flat passenger rate, provided the railroads will also agree to reduce interstate transportation to 2½ cents, so that the inter and intrastate rates may be uniform; put on sale two thousand mileage books at 2 cents, interstate and interchangeable; two thousand mileage books for firms and employees not to exceed five persons, good in and out of the State and interchangeable; a five-hundred mile family book, good in the State, at 2 cents, and with the further stipulation that the railroads shall bear all the expenses of the litigation up to the time of the acceptance of the compromise.

Agree to Proposal.

The Southern Railway, through President Finley, agreed to the proposition of the governor, with the exception of the item relating to the family mileage book at 2 cents, a novelty of which that road seemed afraid. It offered, however, to include this item at 2½ cents.

After a further conference with State officials, the governor agreed to meet this objection rather than have the litigation drag along further. The Seaboard Air Line joins with the Southern in accepting the compromise, but the Atlantic Coast Line has interposed objections. The other roads operating in the State have not been heard from. The governor to-night gave out a statement of the settlement with the exact terms of the compromise.

MINE MEN ASK MARTIAL LAW

Gov. Sparks Urges Col. Reynolds to Give Protection.

"Little Florence" Mine Looted by "High Graders" Who Steal Ore Valued at \$200 a Ton.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 11.—Gov. Sparks and the large mine owners of the camp are urging Col. Reynolds to declare martial law in order that some protection may be had against "high graders" and also against members of the union, who they fear, will cut off the power lines and do other damage at various mines. Col. Reynolds declares he can't take this action unless some overt act is committed by the strikers which will justify it.

Meanwhile the Little Florence mine has been looted by "high graders" who have stolen a lot of ore that goes as high as \$200 a ton. Two men have been arrested who were found on the 400-foot level of the Little Florence.

Constable Inman has sworn in 120 extra deputies, who will be used to guard the mines to-night. They will be paid by the Mine Owners' Association. It is probable that the reopening of the mines will not be attempted until after the arrival of Gen. Funston, as mine owners declare it cannot be done safely without martial law.

President Roosevelt has decided to take a hand in the labor troubles in the Nevada mining district. He announced yesterday that he would send a Federal commission to investigate the labor situation and report to him. The commission will consist of Assistant Secretary Lawrence O. Murray, of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Herbert Knox Smith, Commissioner of Corporations, and Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor.

Sale of Siegel Collection
Of antique and other valuable mahogany furniture, plate, rugs, bronzes, etc., to-day, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m., at Townsend & Co.'s Gallery, 149-151 New York avenue northwest.

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Government Sale To-day.

Sale of government office furniture, old materials, vehicles, etc., at Patent Office, by Sloan & Co., to-day at 10 a. m.

PRESIDENT'S ACTION
AN ABSORBING TOPICDeclination to Run Again
Widely Discussed.

KNOX IS NOT SURPRISED

Foraker Refuses to Talk About
Official Statement.

"Speaks for Itself," Says Cannon.
Mayor Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, Thinks He May Be Nominated Anyway—Sees Handwriting on the Wall," Declares Tillman—Cortelyou Declines to Say Anything About It.

In all quarters last night the all-absorbing topic was the statement given out from the White House by President Roosevelt that he meant every word he said last election night, and will stand by his declaration not to serve a third term.

Among Senators, Representatives, and politicians the announcement came as a surprise, for those who expected such a statement anticipated it would be delayed.

Others were firmly convinced that the President was a man who should be taken at his word, and that he should not be expected to make such an announcement after his election night promise.

From those close to the White House it was learned that the President is much grieved that it should become necessary for him to make the statement a second time to make himself believed, and there is no question but that the Clayton resolution in the House, declaring against a third term, had something to do with it.

Among those who discussed the matter there were many prominent Republicans (some of them avowed candidates for the Presidency) and Democrats.

Vice President Fairbanks declined to talk about it at all.

Foraker Begs to Be Excused.

One newspaper correspondent brought the statement to the attention of Senator Foraker, saying, "Senator, I wish to congratulate you."

"On what?" inquired the Ohio Senator. "On the President's formal announcement that he will not accept another nomination."

"I don't see why I should be congratulated," replied Senator Foraker. "I never thought the President would receive the nomination, anyhow."

Sensor Foraker was then asked for an expression of opinion. He replied: "I do not care to be quoted upon the announcement at all. You will kindly excuse me."

Sensor Knox, whose boom was launched a few nights ago, is one of the many who thought a second announcement from the President superfluous.

"I am not at all surprised," said the Senator. "I believed him the first time. The President's word is always good with me."

Speaker Cannon, of the House of Representatives, had this to say: "The President speaks for himself. It would be useless for me to attempt to speak for him, or interpret his words for him."

"It means," said Senator Tillman, "that he has seen the handwriting on the wall, and that he will not attempt to stem the tide of Democracy that will sweep the country."

No Matter, Says Bonar.

Senator Bonar, of Oregon, said: "The President's resurrection of his 1904 declaration does not affect the political situation. No intelligent person can honestly question his sincerity. Roosevelt, the individual, undoubtedly wishes at the end of this term to be relieved of the burdens of public duty; but Roosevelt, the public servant and ideal American citizen, must obey the command of the people, if issued, and I, for one, believe the people will command him to serve his country for another four years."

Taggart Believed Him.

Tom Taggart, the Democratic national chairman, is another who thinks the public made a mistake in compelling Mr. Roosevelt to speak twice before he could make himself believed. "It shows that he is the kind of a man I thought he was," said Mr. Taggart. "I think most persons took him at his word the first time, and he is simply showing what a great many persons know—that he is an honest man and a man of his word."

Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou declined to discuss the official statement at all.

Tom Johnson, who is here as a committee man to the meeting of the national organization of the Democrats, was told of the statement as he was talking to a group of committeemen in the Arlington Hotel. He did not care to discuss the statement at length, but only said: "They may nominate him any how."

Mr. Johnson was quoted earlier in the evening as saying that he anticipated the candidates in the next Presidential race would be Bryan and Roosevelt.

"A Surrender," Says James.

Ollie James (Dem. Ky.) said that it was a surrender. "It means," said Mr. James, "that the President has foreseen that the only reform ever attempted by the Republican party has become a disaster, and that the party is headed back to its old corrupt moorings. It means that he has run the white flag up with that of gold, and what is more, it means that Bryan will be the next President of the United States."

J. Adam Bede (Rep. Minn.) is inclined to the belief that it will help Mr. Taft's candidacy.

"It means," said Mr. Bede, "that there will now be absolutely no chance of any one using the name of the President as a cloak to get delegates that may be swung to some one else. All in all, I think it will mean, as I have said, strength for Mr. Taft."

Sensor Hopkins, of Illinois, one of the prime movers in the Cannon boom, is of the opinion that the announcement of the President will aid the chances of the Speaker to get the Republican nomination.

"It will help the Cannon boom," said Senator Hopkins, "and there is no question about it."

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WOMAN'S WIT SAVES 200 LIVES.

Flags Train About to Run on Great
Landslide.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 11.—Scores of lives were saved to-day on the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad, a mile from Boston Station, by a woman's wit. A landslide occurred, covering the tracks for 500 feet.

Mrs. Elmer Sinclair, living half a mile distant, heard the crash and comprehended the cause. Knowing trains were soon due, she locked her six children in the house, hurried to the railroad, and was just in time to flag a passenger train having 200 passengers on board. The crew flagged two trains following.

DEATH ENDS GIRL'S TRANCE.

Nine Days Unconscious After Fight
In Factory.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 11.—Sadie Garetzky, aged nineteen, who a little over a week ago was awakened from a nine days' trance, died at her home in Corlies avenue, West Grove, this afternoon. Nervous prostration is assigned as the cause of death.

Miss Garetzky first entered the state of coma on November 21, following a dispute with a fellow employee at a local shirt factory, which ended in a hair-pulling fight.

When she reached home that night, Miss Garetzky threw herself on her bed and sobbed herself into a nine days' sleep.

DYNAMITE KILLS FOUR

Boy Carries Explosive Into
Virginia Home.

THE BODIES ARE CREMATED

Wrecked House Destroyed by Fire.
The Dead Include Two Women and Infant Child, with Youth Who Took Dynamite from a Camp of Railroad Workmen Near By.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 11.—By an explosion of dynamite in the home of Benjamin Shipley, ten miles west of Bristol, to-day, four persons were killed and one fatally injured.

The dead are: Mrs. Nathaniel Barnes, Mrs. Elijah Moody and her infant child, and William Duff, the sixteen-year-old son of John Duff, who is directly responsible for the accident.

A son of Mrs. Moody was so badly injured that he cannot recover. The house took fire after the explosion and was burned.

It had already been wrecked by the force of the concussion. The bodies of the dead were cremated in the ruins. The injured boy managed to crawl from under the debris.

The dynamite was brought to the house by the Duff boy, who procured it from a near-by railroad camp. He was handling the dangerous stuff when the explosion occurred. The house was shaken to its foundation by the force of the explosion. The roof was blown off, and the outer walls caved in.

NEW HAVEN TO SELL B. & M.

President Mellen Announces His
Company Will Part with Stock.

New York, Dec. 11.—President Charles S. Mellen, of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, let it be known to-day that negotiations are under way for the sale of the New Haven's holdings in Boston and Maine stocks to some other railroad.

Mr. Mellen refused to say with whom the negotiations were being conducted, but confined himself to an assertion that the stock could be sold at a satisfactory and profitable figure.

ONE KILLED IN RACE RIOT

Negroes Attack Constable with
Prisoner in Alabama.

Attempt to Release Latter Results
in His Death—Nineteen
Are Arrested.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 11.—A special from Columbus, Miss., says an outbreak of racial animosity occurred in Pikes County, Ala., last night, as the result of an attack made on Constable Will Lowe by a gang of fifty negroes, who sought to secure the release of a negro prisoner which the officer had in charge.

Constable Lowe was seriously wounded in the fight with the blacks, and his prisoner was killed by bullets fired by his own friends. Nineteen negroes are in jail.

The trouble happened near Gordo, Ala. Constable Lowe had placed the negro under arrest near the town and was taking him to the lock-up. While on the road he was met by the crowd of blacks, which was headed by James Lowe, a brother of the prisoner. The negroes began shooting as soon as they saw the officer. A number of shots were fired, and both officer and prisoner fell, one seriously wounded and the other dead.

MOTHER ADMITS MURDER.

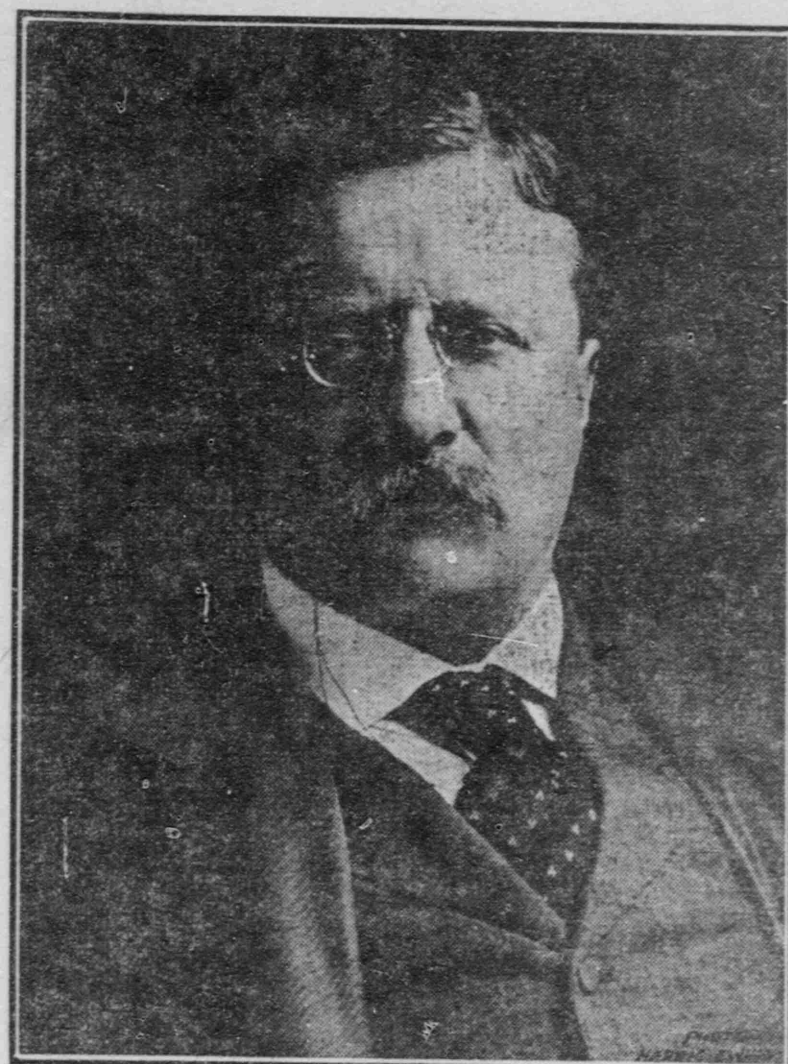
Drowned Her Child, but Her Nerve
Failed at Suicide.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Frances Cooper, aged eighteen, and mother of the child that was found drowned in a creek south of the city yesterday, was arrested early this morning, and confessed that she had placed her child in the creek and held it under water till life was extinct.

She said she had tried to get work as a domestic in many places, but found that no one would have a servant with a child. She became discouraged, and determined to kill her babe and then commit suicide. Her nerve failed her when the child was dead.

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ROOSEVELT WILL NOT RUN

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
Whose Latest Announcement Has the Political Wiseacres Guessing.

MESSAGE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican National Committee for the convention, the President makes the following statement:

"On the night after election I made the following announcement:

"I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the fourth of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

"I have not changed, and shall not change the decision thus announced."

BULLET TO PRESERVE HONOR WILL GO UNDER THE KNIFE

Alabama Girl Shoots Former Ad-
mirer for Slander.

Swoons After Firing Shot, Which
May Prove Fatal—Friends
Justify Act.

Bessemer, Ala., Dec. 11.—"I'll teach you to injure innocent girls with your vile tongue," cried Miss Ida Brown, a pretty eighteen-year-old girl, to Charles Reynolds, a prominent young man, to-day, as she began firing at him.

Miss Brown shot three times, two of the bullets striking Reynolds in the body and inflicting what may prove fatal wounds. As Reynolds fell, the girl collapsed and was found in a faint by persons whom the shots attracted.

The shooting occurred in front of Reynolds' home, and Miss Brown was evidently waiting for Reynolds, for she stepped in front of him as soon as he reached the front gate of her home. Reynolds, up to a short time ago, was very attentive to Miss Brown. Soon after he ceased going with her, the girl alleges, Reynolds began to make slanderous statements about her. Miss Brown and friends claim she was justified in shooting.

ART MASTERPIECES STOLEN.

Enter Paris Museum Through Roof,
Avoiding Alarms.

Paris, Dec. 11.—After the recent exposure of the methods employed to rob museums and churches, the Musee de Picardie was equipped with electric bell burglar alarms, which robbers avoided by entering through the roof.

The stolen pictures are Vanloos' "Hercules and Omphale," Fragonard's "Girl Putting on Her Garters," Fragonard's "The Sons of Henry IV," and "Sally Visting Gabrielle d'Estes," and two Boucher's "Amours" and "A Young Child." The thieves detached Boucher's "Diana Bathing" from its frame and left it mutilated, finding it too heavy to carry with them.

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STATEMENT ISSUED
FROM WHITE HOUSEPresident Reiterates His An-
nouncement of 1904.

CANNON PAYS A VISIT

Conferences with Speaker and
John Sharp Williams.

Various Theories Advanced for Un-
expected Move—Politicians Believe
Taft's Chances for Nomination Are
Lessened as Result of White House
Announcement—Clayton Resolution
May Have Been Factor.

President Roosevelt last night announced his unaltered purpose not to accept a nomination for the Presidency of 1908. The announcement was in almost the briefest possible form, except that he quoted his own statement of election night in 1904. The declaration closed with the following:

"I have not changed, and shall not change, the decision thus announced."

If any man knew of the President's intention to make this declaration at the present time, he kept the President's secret well, for there was no intimation that it would be made for some time to come.

The President has told a great number of individuals during the last few weeks that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency next year, and he reiterated this declaration to certain members of the Republican National Committee last week. It was said to be Mr. Roosevelt's original intention to wait until after the election of the first delegates instructed for him, and then to issue a convincing disclaimer of his candidacy.

Not Ready for Announcement.

The best information obtainable as to the President's intentions looking toward a third term has always been that he would stand by his declaration of 1904, and that he was simply waiting for his own time in which to reiterate that declaration. As recently as last Saturday, however, it did not seem likely that Mr. Roosevelt would make his announcement during the present year; and it seemed more than possible that he would, indeed, have deferred it until well into 1908.

On that day he had an hour's conference with two of the leading Republicans of Tennessee and it became known that the President had asked them to defer the holding of their convention far beyond the date on which they had first expected to hold it. The President himself said to a dozen visitors last Saturday that he thought he had the Southern early convention projects pretty well in hand, and that none of them would be held very early in the new year.

There was only one theory for the determination of the President to head off the early conventions which seemed likely to elect delegates instructed for his nomination. That theory was—and for confirmation it lacked only the President's statement in so many words—that he wished to hold the political situation under control as long as possible in order that the "conspirators" against his policies might be kept guessing as to his true position, and thereby prevented from concentrating on a reactionist candidate.

Rare Statement Issued.

That was last Saturday. No information is vouchsafed at the White House by way of supplement to the announcement issued by the President. Just why the President issued his third-term statement last night is a matter for conjecture.

A few days ago Representative Clayton, of Alabama, introduced a resolution in the House declaring it to be the sense of the American people that no President should accept a third term. That resolution was identical with the resolution introduced in the House in 1875 by Representative Springer, of Illinois, to head off the Grant third term movement.

The Clayton resolution, though ostensibly made right of by the Republican leaders in the House, really was a measure introduced much more at the White House. The resolution was talked over at the first Cabinet meeting, after its introduction, and at the close of that meeting the text of the President's directions to Cabinet officers in regard to the activities of Federal office-holders was given to the public, as if to remind the people of this sign that he was not a candidate for re-election.

Speaker Cannon visited the White House yesterday, presumably at the request of President Roosevelt, for the

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